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The amendments to the disclosure are proffered to correct some inadvertent errors and to place the disclosure in a form commensurate with the claims presented for consideration. No new matter has been added. Consideration and entry of the amendments to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

Responding to Paragraph 2 of the Action, and by the present response, Claim 43 has been amended. The amendments to Claim 43 clarify the structure claimed.

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§112(2) for indefiniteness. By the present response, pending Claims 7 and 14 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 7 and 14 is moot. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In Paragraph 4 of the Action, pending Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(1) for failure to comply with the written description requirement. As mentioned, and by the present response, pending Claim 7 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of Claim 7 is moot. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In Paragraph 5 of the Action, Claims 6, 7, 13 through 15, 35 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) under U.S. Patent No. 5,086,707 to C. F. Spencer, *et al.* By the present response, pending Claims 6, 7, 13 through 15, 35 and 37 have been cancelled. Thus, the rejection of Claims 6, 7, 13 through 15, 35 and 37 is moot. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In Paragraph 6 of the Action, pending Claims 2, 3, 9, 10 and 40 through 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,086,707 to C. F. Spencer, *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,707,927 to R. P. Geyer, *et al.* By the present response, pending Claims 2, 3, 9, 10 and 40 through 42 have all been cancelled. Thus, the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 9, 10 and 40 through 42 is moot. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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Although Claims 1 through 16, 24, 31 through 34, 37 and 40 through 42 have all been cancelled, nothing in this response should be interpreted, directly or indirectly, as an abandonment of the invention defined by Claims 1 through 16, 24, 31 through 34, 37 and 40 through 42.

Whereas, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a continuation patent application regarding Claims 1 through 16, 24, 31 through 34, 37 and 40 through 42.

As mentioned, the allowability of pending Claims 17 through 23, 25 through 30 and 43 through 45 has been noted from Paragraph 7 of the Action. The amendments to independent Claims 26 and 43 are simply proffered to place those claims in a preferred form. No new matter has been added. Consideration and entry of the amendments to independent Claims 26 and 43 is respectfully requested.

In Paragraph 8 of the Action, the allowability of pending Claim 36 has been noted. Original Claim 36 depended from and further defined the invention set forth in original Claim 8. By the present response, Claim 36 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of original Claim 8. Accordingly, Claim 36 is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and removal of the objection thereto is respectfully requested.

A favorable reconsideration of this application and an early passing of this patent application to issuance is respectfully solicited. Should the patent Examiner desire to speak with

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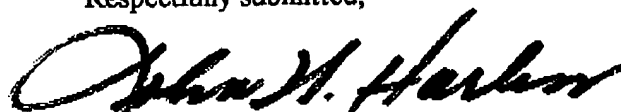
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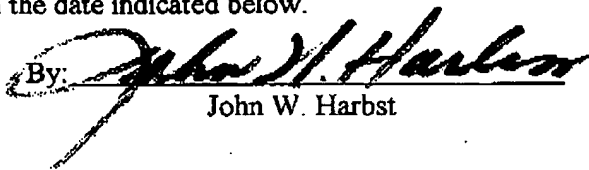
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